

ZAPATA REBELS MENACE CAPITAL

One Report Says They Already Are in the Outskirts of Mexico City.

Mexico City, June 14.—Emiliano Zapata, with his revolutionary army, is within 12 miles of the City of Mexico, according to information reaching the city today.

Zapata, it is claimed, is moving upon the capital with the intention of attacking it while the great bulk of the Carranza troops are in the northern part of the republic engaged in pursuit of bandits.

FORMER HEADQUARTERS OF ZAPATA TAKEN BY ASSAULT

Mexico City, June 14.—Constitutionalist troops are in control of Tlalapan, state of Mexico, which for a long time was the base of Emiliano Zapata, the southern rebel leader. It was captured by Constitutionalists under Gen. Pablo Gonzales, after 24 hours of severe fighting, according to a dispatch received at the war department today. The followers of Zapata escaped into the mountains.

At the foreign office today it was stated that no advice had been received concerning the recent border raid in which Lieut. Col. Villareal, alleged to be a Constitutional soldier, was killed.

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SONORA WOMEN TO BEAR ARMS

2000 Offer Services to the Government in Case of Intervention.

Douglas, Ariz., June 13.—Two thousand Mexican women of Sonora have offered their services to the Carranza government in case of intervention by the United States, to take up arms in defense of Mexico. The women are all rifle shots and members of the Sonora Woman's Rifle association.

Women Are Thanked.
Their services were offered to Gov. Adolfo de la Huerta by the president of the association, Mrs. R. V. de Tovar. The governor thanked her for the spirit of her patriotic offer, which has been accompanied by a list of the names of the members of the association. He said in event of invasion, he felt certain the women of Sonora would give a good account of themselves, as they had when they aided their husbands and fathers in driving out the French at Guaymas, and in repelling attempted filibusters by American in times past.

Gen. Arzuffo Gomez, commanding northern Sonora during the absence of Gen. P. Elias Calles, the commander in chief of the Sonora army, has appointed instructors who will teach the women to shoot, in the hope or more towns in which the association has been organized.

A number of prominent Mexican residents of Douglas visited Gen. Gomez yesterday, Consul Ives G. Leveier said, and expressed the wish to organize a rifle club.

Everyone Has a Rifle.
The men of Nogales, Cananea and other Sonora towns are also organizing rifle clubs, according to the statement of Consul Leveier. Instructors have been appointed by Gen. Gomez. Intense excitement prevails on the Mexican side of the border in sympathy with the Chihuahua demonstrations and arrivals report that conditions are becoming almost unbearable in some parts of the state. However, there have been no actual demonstrations against Americans as yet.

**JOSE YSABEL ROBLES IS
IN BUSINESS IN TORREON**
Friends of Jose Ysabel Robles have received messages from him recently in Torreon and they declare Robles is taking no part in military or political affairs in Mexico at the present time. Robles's friends in El Paso received a message from him in Torreon dated June 13 saying he was all right and was engaged in business there.

Robles took an important part in the Villa revolution but when the Villa troops in Chihuahua state surrendered to Andres Garcia, representing the Carranza government, he turned over his sword to Consul Garcia and has taken no part in political affairs since that time, his friends insist.

**GAVIRA CALLED
TO MEXICO CITY**
American Refugees From Interior Assert Situation Delicate.

First chief Venustiano Carranza has ordered Gen. Gabriel Gavira, succeeded recently by Gen. Francisco Gonzalez as commander of northern border troops, to report to him at Mexico City for instructions, following Gavira's conference with Gen. Jacinto Trevino at Chihuahua city, which is regarded generally to have involved the Gavira-Pershing conference, in which Gavira has been declared to have exceeded his authority, according to the statement of an American refugee in a party of four Americans, including one woman, who arrived from Chihuahua at Juarez at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The refugee stated that he had received the report from a fairly reliable source.

The Zapata faction is liable to enter Mexico City at any time, one of the Americans stated. He said he had been told from an authentic source that Zapata had a force of about 6000 men and was known to be at present in the suburbs of Mexico City, 50 miles away. The American said he had not learned of the reported invasion of Mexico City by Zapata and his men Wednesday.

Train Load of Refugees.
The party of Americans, who were the only Americans in a train of 21 cars, left Chihuahua at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and made the trip without incident. A great crowd of Mexicans filled the box cars, which made up most of the train, and overloaded the roofs. A small group of Mexican guards was aboard.

The Americans stated that Chihuahua city was now very peaceful after having her fling of anti-Americanism and the last public speech regarding Americans was delivered on Sunday. Since then there have been no demonstrations and conditions have become normal. Nevertheless the four Americans declared it would be safer to return to the border. Part of them stated that they would abandon their businesses in Chihuahua city until the result of president Wilson's proposed note to Carranza was seen. All told, there are

ANOTHER STORY OF THE BORDER

Preacher Kills Two Mexicans as He Prays; Roosevelt Is Popular.

Here's another instance of going away from home to get the news of home. The Houston Chronicle prints a story of border conditions and among the incidents related is one about a preacher kidnaped near here who made his escape from his Mexican captors after killing two and running the others off. The story follows:

Members of the Texas Press association, returning from the annual meeting at El Paso, traveled for nearly 600 miles in sight of the sterile mountains which fringe the border of Mexico. All along the border the situation is very tense.

El Paso is alive with troop trains and artillery. Uncle Sam's heaviest siege guns having been transferred to the famous pass of the north. Open spaces, including baseball parks and country club grounds, are heavily populated with regular troops.

The army is prepared; so are the private citizens. In El Paso every man has a rifle and side arms within reaching distance.

Ranches Have Machine Guns.
Still greater measures of precaution have been taken by the widely spaced ranch houses. A sample of the "preparedness" of the border is given in the precautions taken by Dr. J. D. McGregor, a former Houstonian, who made the race for many years a few years ago, and who is widely known in Washington, Austin and adjoining counties. Dr. McGregor owns many sections of ranch land at Lobo. He has mounted a machine gun on an automobile. He has also dug trenches.

Too, he has 100 women in training in trench warfare. Sand bags protect the ranch house. "Preparedness" by ranchmen duplicates these precautions at many places.

The Shoutin' Preacher.
One of the most interesting stories of "narrow escapes" along the border involve a Baptist minister residing on the border. It seems that Mr. McMillan had been active against certain hostile Mexican interests. A few days ago he was caught away from home and kidnaped by four Mexicans. His captors searched him, but failed to find a pistol concealed inside his belt.

The preacher was given five minutes in which to say his prayers before facing a firing squad. He knelt upon the desert sands, as if in prayer, at the same time working his right hand in a connection with the concealed pistol. When the handle of his trusty weapon was firmly gripped he prayed as follows:

"Oh Lord, have mercy on these Mexicans, for I am going to kill as many of them as I can." His pistol flashed in the sun. There were two reports and the slugs in the desert were slanted with the blood of two dead Mexicans. The other two were out of pistol range before the preacher got around to them.

The action of the Chicago convention was a great disappointment to the Texas border, especially in the El Paso section. There Roosevelt has an enormous following which only intervenes by the administration will likely restore to the Democratic party. Whatever may be the opinion throughout the United States the El Paso section is for intervention.

**MEXICANS FIRE
AT INSPECTORS**
Health Officers Inspecting Houses on River Front Have Narrow Escape.

Inspectors J. D. Jones and Charles Barton of the sanitary department were fired upon from the Mexican side of the river Thursday morning at 11:30, while walking on the river bank near the Union station.

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**DRAFT OF REPLY TO CARRANZA IS
SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT WILSON**
Reply Is Prepared By Secretary Lansing and Flatly Refuses the Demand for Withdrawal of American Troops From Mexico, It Is Said; Mexicans Are Held Solely to Blame for Present Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—Secretary Lansing laid before president Wilson today the completed draft of a note to Gen. Carranza, replying to the demand that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. The president and Mr. Lansing conferred at length on the situation.

Unless some new development forces the situation the reply will not be sent until next week at the earliest. President Wilson and his advisers are anxious to deal with the Carranza note in such fashion that action cannot be attributed to domestic politics.

Flatly Refuses Demand.
As prepared by secretary Lansing, it is understood the note flatly declines to withdraw American troops from Mexico until the facts are clear and its ability to police the border states properly.

Mexicans Alone to Blame.
It will be pointed out that a friendly spirit constantly has been manifested towards Mexico, and Carranza will be told that failure of Mexican and American troops to cooperate for the extermination of bandits was due to the hostility and suspicion exhibited by the Mexicans.

Think Government Tolerant.
It is evident that many officials believe the collapse of the de facto government is more to be expected than any overt act by that government against the United States. Out of such a collapse, however, it is feared there might come an ill-advised attempt to elect Carranza president.

With most of the population utterly ignorant of true conditions, it was pointed out that Carranza might have an easy task in spreading the impression that Americans are responsible for Mexico's economic and other troubles. Such resident Americans as they live in comfort and plenty compared to the great mass of the native

population. That in itself always has been a cause of jealousy toward Americans.

No Fear for Pershing's Men.
Army officials have no fear of the safety of Gen. Pershing's men, no matter what happens. The movement of Carranza troops south from Sonora state, reported to the navy department, serves to relieve further the only point at which danger to the American troops has ever been apprehended. A considerable Carranza force has been in Sonora for some time and if hostile against the Americans began, the natural military course would be to force Pershing's men, and out on expedition off from its base at Columbus.

It is supposed the Sonora troops are being moved to co-operate in Gen. Trevino's operations against bandits in Chihuahua and Durango south of the American expedition. They would be able to reach Durango quickly from Mexican.

This explanation if borne out, would put a more encouraging aspect on the situation as far as the good faith of Gen. Carranza's army in its police mission goes.

Will Make New Declaration.
The forthright reply to the Mexican note demanding withdrawal of the American troops will emphasize again that only by definite cooperation looking to adequate policing by the Carranza troops can withdrawal be received. It is understood the note will grant the Mexican request for a new declaration of the intentions of the United States and reply to the assertion that there has been evidence of suspicion among American commanders, by giving a detailed account of the steps taken to gain the cooperation of the de facto government. The fact that cooperation was consistently refused and Mexican forces posted so as to observe the actions of the American troops and hamper their pursuit of the bandits, probably will be dwelt upon sharply.

**JUAN SANCHEZ AZCONA
RECEIVED BY KING OF SPAIN**
Consul Andres Garcia has received a cablegram from Mexican minister Juan Sanchez Azcona, who said he was received by the king of Spain at Madrid on Tuesday.

Azcona has been prominent in Mexican affairs. He was private secretary to Francisco I. Madero and was arrested at the time Madero was and later released.

**SONORA SOLDIERS MAY GO
BACK TO WORK IF THEY WISH**
Douglas, Ariz., June 15.—Gen. P. Elias Calles, commander in chief of Sonora, will discharge any soldier from the ranks of the army of northern Sonora, if he wishes to return to his home and resume his ordinary occupation, according to an official report received at military headquarters in Agua Prieta.

**REFUGES TO MAKE CARRANZA
MONEY BANKER IS ARRESTED**
Mexico City, Mex., June 14.—(By way of Juarez, Tex., June 13.)—William Hopfer, assistant manager of the bank of London and Mexico, has been arrested here on a charge of refusing to accept certain Constitutional money of the Venustiano Carranza government. He is refusing as a result of the forced acceptance of money which is difficult to dispose of.

ZAPATA LEADER TO BE EXECUTED.
Toluca, Mex., June 15.—Col. Alfonso Barron, who killed Zapata leader, recently convicted by court martial on a charge of having killed Luis Quiroz, a Mexico City attorney of 20,000 pesos in April last, has been sentenced to be executed.

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